

**Mission Bay Landfill  
Technical Advisory Committee  
600 "B" Street, 8th Floor  
September 17, 2004  
10:00 am to 12:00 pm**

**Amended Meeting Minutes**

TAC Members Present

Donna Frye	Jeoffry Gordon	Barry Pulver	David Kennedy	Judy Swink
Frank Gormlie	Rebecca Lafreniere	Dave Huntley	Brian McDaniel	

Alternate TAC Members Present

Hiram Sarabia	Susan Orlofsky
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TAC Members Absent

Robert Curtis	Bruce Reznik	John Wilks
Ben Leaf	Robert Tukey	

Interested Parties/Alternates

Scott Andrew	Ellen Lirley	John Field
Tessa McRae	Jace Miller	Patrick Owen

Staff

Chris Gonaver	Steven Fontana	Mark ZuHone
Nicole Capretz	Ray Purtee	

The meeting was called to order by Councilmember Frye. Self introductions were made. A quorum was present.

Review of July meeting minutes was trailed to later in the agenda to give everyone more time to review them.

**Subcommittee Report**

Dr. Huntley said the several subcommittee meetings with SCS could be summarized in two issues: 1. Borings for groundwater wells and for delineating the perimeter of the landfill were modified in order to gather more information on what's in the landfill. Soil lab results did not raise any red flags though the east borings have not been completed yet. Results of groundwater

constituent concentrations within the landfill were slightly higher than those outside the landfill. The borings have all been completed except for those in the east area of the landfill where a track mounted rig is necessary due to the loose sands. 2. Soil gas sampling was done as composites, so additional discrete gas samples were taken. A subsequent review of the discrete gas sample data was not helpful as it did not duplicate initial high readings found in the composite samples. Since the results were so variable, it leads him to believe that landfill wastes producing gases are not widespread but in “pockets.”

Barry Pulver concurred with the above and pointed out that a proposed upgradient eastern groundwater well was moved to be within the landfill and to stay within budget will not be replaced.

### **Approval of Minutes**

The July meeting minutes were reviewed and approved.

### **Status of Site Assessment**

Tessa McRae explained that the eastern area of the landfill between Friars road, Sea World Drive, and I-5 is filled with loose sand and initially the rig for vapor samples got stuck along with the tow vehicles sent to get it out. The last two soil borings in this area will have to wait for two weeks as the track mounted rig is broken down and not available until then.

The eastern most groundwater well near I-5 referred to earlier by Barry was moved to a location near the boat launch basin based on subcommittee meeting discussions.

A question was asked “What constituents were found there?” Dr. Huntley answered that primarily gasoline constituents were found in this area near the basin.

Tessa continued by saying that four groundwater wells were installed and developed and they are working with ESD staff to get pumps installed for them like the other City wells have.

A question was asked “Was MTBE present?” The answer was “not above the detection limit.”

Dr. Gordon thanked the members of the subcommittee and SCS for being responsive and spiffing up the technical aspects of the investigation. He also wondered when the assessment would be complete?

An objection was raised to eliminating the upgradient groundwater well from an area that most likely received toxic wastes.

### **Review of Letters**

Two letters from Mission Bay Park Toxic Cleanup were handed out and discussed. One was dated September 9, 2004, and addressed to Councilmember Frye’s office; she read the letter out loud. The other letter was dated July 9, 2004, and was addressed to the California Coastal Commission.

Discussion ensued over what records exist documenting what went into the landfill and after 45 years of decomposition, what is still left in the landfill? Some members felt satisfied that the site assessment currently underway will document what is present in the landfill today and evaluate

what health risks exists. Other members felt that there has been inadequate investigation to determine what was dumped there, resulting in the EPA ranking the site lower than it should have as a risk to public health.

Chris Gonaver responded that there was a letter previously reviewed by the TAC from the EPA to the California Earth Corps. It addressed the site's hazard ranking and concluded that based on the results of the site assessment currently underway, they would make a determination if future EPA involvement was necessary. The goal of the site assessment is to understand what is remaining in the landfill today and what is the threat to health and the environment.

Councilmember Frye asked the group "How can we frame a motion capturing what the letters want?" What documents should we send to the California Coastal Commission?

A motion was made, seconded, and approved to send to the California Coastal Commission certain documents for their review concerning liquid industrial waste disposal at the Mission Bay landfill, as they contemplate the permit application by Sea World for expansion of their parking lot. These documents will be sent with a cover letter from Frye's office and the documents will include: an appendix to the 1983 Woodward Clyde Report; a letter concerning liquid waste disposal from a Mr. Jim Gutzmer, former Deputy Director of General Services Department, Solid Waste Division; and the complete inventory list of relevant documents on the Mission Bay landfill.

Chris Gonaver will draft the cover letter for Councilmember Frye's review and see that the documents are obtained.

Councilmember Frye called the group's attention to her previous letter to the Coastal Commission concerning Sea World's parking lot expansion and which was passed out at the July TAC meeting. In this letter she recommended that the Coastal Commission support the earlier denial of Sea World's application. She has been aware of this issue and in August, the Coastal Commission adopted the findings supporting the denial of Sea World's application.

#### **Items for next agenda**

- Status of SCS Field Work

#### **Future Meetings**

- Friday, Nov 19, 2004, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm, CAB, 12<sup>th</sup> Floor, Conference Room B